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READING FOR SUNDAY.

Beyond the Mist.

Beyond the mist are sunlit leagues of sea,
And towering peaks by lingering sunbeams kissed,
Where heaven's light doth shine eternally
Beyond the mist.

Could we but pierce the haze, could we but list
To some far voices from the shore, would we
Still in these dolorous waves of doubt persist
Beyond the mist.

Can we not see the stars above that bel
Is there not one to guide our bark, I wist
Lost mariners upon life's troubled sea,
Beyond the mist.

—Bennett Bellman.

International Sunday-School Lesson for Sept. 8.

DAVID AND JONATHAN.—I Sam. xx, 1-18.
Golden Text.—There is a friend that sticketh closer than a brother.—Prov. xviii, 24.

HOME READINGS.
Mon.—David's enemy, Saul. I Sam. xviii, 1-16.
Tue.—Saul tries to kill David. I Sam. xix, 1-24.
Wed.—David and Jonathan. I Sam. xx, 1-23.
Thur.—Jonathan and Saul. I Sam. xx, 24-34.
Fri.—Their covenant of friendship. I Sam. xx, 35-42.
Sat.—Their last meeting. I Sam. xx, 43-44.
Sun.—The friendship of Jesus. John xv, 9-27.

From the death of Goliath, David becomes a prominent figure in Jewish history. He won, at that time, the love of Jonathan, the son of Saul; and the story of their friendship is one of the most beautiful in the Bible. Jonathan loved David with a love "passing that of woman" (I Sam. xxi, 1). David manifested such splendid qualities, in camp and field, that he was appointed to command the bodyguard of the king (I Sam. xviii, 5), and he soon became the pride of the nation, and the special glory of Judah, to which tribe he belonged. He gained the love of Michal, the daughter of Saul and by the king's consent they were married.

At the height of David's popularity, the feelings of Saul began to change toward him, and he began a course of persecution. Saul could not bear to hear the brave deeds of David praised, and, unfortunately, the people stirred more deeply his anger by singing, "Saul has slain his thousands, but David his tens of thousands" (I Sam. xviii, 7, 21). The various plays of Saul failed, and David fled for his life. It was during this time that the memorable incident of the lesson occurred, which illustrates the way that "the soul of Jonathan was knit to the soul of David" (I Sam. xviii, 21). This friendship was a great power in David's life.

WHAT THE LESSON TEACHES.

New York Independent.

This friendship is one of the rarities of history, sacred or profane. The romantic side of a person's character is always attractive, and readers and students are never tired of contemplating the love of David for Jonathan—rather than of the love of Jonathan for David. Yet such friendships are not uncommon in these mechanical days, when mind and soul are mostly alert to earn the dollar for bread and home. Our men do not talk and sympathize over their friendships as is the custom among Orientals. A grasp of the hand is often the only outward sign of supreme trust. Our poets sing of history rather than of the living present. Yet perhaps there is no nobler test to a man's character than such a friendship as the lesson speaks of. It must be founded on the highest type of purity of heart. It must be on as lofty a plane as that between Christ and John. The maxim "honor between thieves" is all bosh. There can be no honor where the motive is base. There can be no love between immoral persons, if this definition of love be accepted—"God is love."

It is too common for men to come together to do a little quiet tipping or card-playing; to tell questionable stories and discuss the financial or political crisis over their cigars, and refer to these companions as their friends. Another kind of spurious friendship is on a higher level. It is when members of churches meet, whether ministers or laymen, and condemn their neighbors in ecclesiastical language, because they do not love God their way. But friends should so elevate each other's mainly tone that they radiate an unconscious benevolence, just as the lover who has been successful in a hard-won suit, feels as if he loved the whole world and nature adopted him. Friendship is the surest test of character. The more unselfish, the more successful the relation will be. David was ready for Jonathan to kill him if he was unworthy his friend's

affection. Jonathan dared the anger of Saul for the sake of his friend.

A deep affection is a great strain upon a character. It brings out the evil as well as the good. There is no sin which has not been committed in the name of love. The moral tension of a strong affection is sometimes tremendous. The impulse of self-sacrifice will lead men anywhere. David tempted Jonathan to a small deception. That he was not so immoral then as it would be now. But the danger is too old and too young to be limited to any age. Friendship needs to keep its high ideal as an eagle must guard its wings. Clip either and it falls.

Friendship not only tests the weakness in character, but the strong and true. David was a poet. Saul was a warrior. Both trusted the Lord and each other. Their different natures found common ground in a religious feeling that neither was ashamed of. The intricacy of our civilization, compared with the simplicity of the ancient, need not do away with religious fervor as a basis of friendship. We need such ground the more our minds are distracted by business, and our hearts are faint with a thousand subtle oppositions. This was a disinterested friendship. Neither could gain ought but love from the other. As this is the case as the type unto this day. Instead of asking from each other they were greedy to serve. Jonathan gave David his armor and warned him at the risk of his life. To lay one's life down for a friend is yet considered the noblest of sincere attachment. Mutual love to God is, then, the sure footing for friendship. Christ is the best of all friends the world has yet produced. He, by his beneficence to men, teaches them fidelity in their devotion to each other.

General Church News.

The number of Indian church members in the United States is 28,663.

Of the 700 men who have been educated at St. George's Pastoral College during the last six years of its history, six hundred are active pastors.

In analyzing congregational generosity, Rev. James Brownlee finds that among the Baptists 36 cents is the annual contribution per head; the Methodists, 74 cents; Episcopalians, \$1.37; Presbyterians, \$3.17, and the Dutch, \$5.21.

A movement toward Christianity among the Jews of Siberia is reported, the leader being a Polish Jew, Jacob Sheinman by name. Exiled to Siberia twenty years ago because of avowal of belief in Christianity, he there began to proclaim his convictions.

Amherst College claims the honorable distinction of supplying from its graduates a larger number of ministers than any other American college; twice as many as either Yale or Oberlin; thirteen times as many as Williams; four times as many as Dartmouth, and nine times as many as Harvard.

The Catholic Review says that there are in Ireland 8,799,337 Roman Catholics and 3,231 priests. The Catholic population of England numbers 1,353,455 and 2,340 priests, while Scotland has 338,541 Catholics and 329 priests. According to this same authority there are in the United States 7,192,103 Catholics.

A call signed by about twenty prominent Unitarians has been published, inviting Unitarians of the West to convene in the city of Chicago in October, to consider the needs and opportunities of that religious body. Each church is to be represented by its pastor and one layman for every forty families.

as everywhere in the South, are divided into white and colored. The membership of four of the white churches number over 1,000 each.

The English Churchman says: "Familiarity with the emissaries of Rome, hearing of their good deeds, seeing their peculiar garb, standing on the same platform with them at temperance meetings and on other occasions, the fashions of the day, and recently the talk about Father Damien, have weakened our English detestation of popery."

It appears from the official statistics read at the recent conference in the Tabernacle, Salt Lake City, that the "Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints" has, at present, twelve apostles, seventy patriarchs, 3,919 high priests, 11,805 elders, 2,000 priests, 2,292 teachers, 11,640 deacons, 81,809 families, 119,915 officers and members, and 49,303 children under eight years of age—a total Mormon population of 159,311.

It is Dr. Mayo, the Unitarian educational missionary in the South, who says: "The head of the Northern denominational work for the colored folk should be liberally endowed, separated from State aid and control, placed in the hands of reliable boards of trustees, with fair Southern white and colored representation, and vigorously worked on their present lines of academic, college, normal and industrial training, with a mighty emphasis on the religious and moral side."

Thoughts for the Day.

Do to-day's duty, fight to-day's temptation, and do not weaken and distract yourself by looking forward to things which you cannot see, and could not understand if you saw them.—Charles Kingsley.

Each one of us is bound to make the little circle in which he lives better and happier; each of us is bound to see that out of that small circle the widest good may flow; each of us may have fixed in his mind the thought that out of a single household may flow influences that shall stimulate the whole civilized world.—Dean Stanley.

The man who has stored up in his memory a large amount of Scripture passages, carries in his own soul a priceless treasure for spiritual meditation and comfort. He is rich in the word of God, and this is the richest of riches. Any man who makes himself thus rich by the systematic and continuous study of that Word.—The Independent.

There is no future pang
Can deal that justice on the self-condemned
He deals on his own soul.

—Byron.

And the devil did grin, for his darling sin
Is the pride that ages humiliate.

—Coleridge.

Long, long ago our patriot fathers broke
The tie which bound us to a foreign yoke,
And made us free;
Subject to no power but of ourselves alone,
We pay no homage to an earthly throne—
Only to God we bend the knee.

—Robert C. Winthrop.

A Railroad King's First Dollar.

John I. Blair, the New Jersey railroad king, who recently testified in a legal proceeding that he was worth \$40,000,000, says that he laid the foundation of his fortune by trapping when a boy. It was in 1826, while living on the home-farm, near Blairtown, that he espied a money-getting tool possession of him, and he began trapping for rabbits. He caught them by the dozen.

The local market being dull, he walked to Easton, Pa., twenty miles away, and, after dicker with the various merchants, sold a lot of skins for \$1. This was the first money he ever owned, and Mr. Blair declares he then felt richer than he ever has since, despite his wealth.

Lone Feminine Travelers.

Boston Courier.—Said a hotel clerk last evening: "I never saw so many lone women, young and old, traveling around the country, as this year. I suppose they go off on little excursions and the men stay at home and look after the children, because they can't afford to go along. I'll tell you the clever way they work the hotels. A few of them will come in on a train and sit around the waiting-room until there are more arrivals. After a while they get quite a swarm and then pull toothpicks. The woman that gets the short end has to go out and make rats with the hotels for the party, the rest remaining at the station until the thing is fixed. See?"

OUT OF THE ORDINARY.

France's production and consumption of malt every year to 1,350,000,000 gallons, which is three times in excess of the production of wine.

The British consul at Nish, in Serbia, says that at Avara, near Belgrade, a green-colored mineral has been discovered, and called avalite, which, it is thought, may become a substitute for arsenic.

The range of the Mannlicher rifle was proved again in a startling manner the other day when an Austrian soldier was killed by one at target practice at a reputed range of over two miles and a half.

A mole catcher put a mole's strength to the test before several people. The animal was attached by its tail to a toy cart. Although its weight was only two and three-quarter ounces, it drew sixteen pounds.

Enough rain has fallen in Pennsylvania for the past two months to form a lake 1,000 miles square and thirty-five feet deep. Nearly 7,000,000 tons of water deluged the mountain plateaus of the State during the three days of the Johnstown flood.

James C. Holway, of Skowhegan, Me., is raising a clock which will be something of a marvel when completed. It will be six feet high, in five sections, and modeled after St. Peter's, at Rome. Among its ornaments and mechanism will be forty movable images.

Italians are not very strong in domestic ties. Of 43,000 Italians that landed in Castle Garden last year, 34,000 were males. The emigration of females from Italy is smaller than from any other country, averaging but 13 per cent. of the whole number who landed. From Germany the percentage is 48 from Ireland, 45.

Within the last few weeks more than 50,000 acres have been bought in the Bahamas by British and American capitalists, to be devoted to raising sisal hemp. The Bahamas had for some time lost all their commercial life, but the discovery that hemp would flourish there has wholly changed their prospects.

Denmark for twenty-five years past has spent \$50,000,000 in the maintenance of dairy schools. As a result of the training the butter-makers have received at this school the butter of the country has so much improved in quality that within twenty years Denmark's exports of butter have increased from \$2,100,000 to \$13,000,000 per annum.

A man named Jones, in Kansas, who is widely known as "Buffalo" Jones, has devoted twenty years to the study and rearing of buffalo calves, and has an immense range in Utah and one in Kansas, from which he supplies the market with buffaloes. He says that his large, fine-boned animals are free from the dejected appearance noted in circus animals.

Warren Humes, the oldest guide and the most experienced hunter in the State of Idaho, makes an estimate that will be interesting to all sportsmen. He claims that there are to-day no less than 50,000 deer and 5,000 bears in those regions. Mr. Humes has hunted there for the past forty-five years, and during that time has killed over 4,000 deer and more than 200 bears.

J. C. Ruff, Gloucester, Mass., has four tomato vines trellised on his premises, which have reached a height of from four to four and a half feet. There are over one hundred green tomatoes growing on the vines. He has also a pea vine which has grown to ten and one-half feet in height, from which seventy-seven pods, each pod containing seven peas, have been picked.

Very few people know how many different ways there are of changing a quarter of a dollar. According to a Philadelphia man, who had more leisure than business on his hands, there are 315 ways of changing that piece of money. The pieces used are the 50-cent piece, 10-cent piece, 5-cent piece, 3-cent piece, 2-cent piece and the 1-cent piece. To make all the changes without using the same coin twice would require 1,233 1-cent pieces, 614 twos, 378 threes, 184 fives, 50 tens and 9 twenties, making 2,584 pieces, worth \$53.75.

The value to Scotland of the opportunities for sports is very large. The deer forests, of which there are 106, covering 3,000 square miles of land, are a source of revenue for £100,000 annually. Twelve thousand five hundred pounds of this goes to the local taxes. If any forest fails to be rented, the whole neighborhood feels it greatly in the diminished amount of money expended there. The grouse moors rent for £240,000, and pay £55,000 in taxes. Most

salmon rivers are let with the moors, but some are rented alone, and add a considerable sum to the total already given.

Peter Flynn, of Red Bank, Pa., is a utilitarian. His dog recently chewed up and swallowed a two-dollar bill. As the dog had no commercial value, he was killed, and the fragments of the bill, including the piece which bore the number, were recovered. The remains of the bill were forwarded to the Treasury Department at Washington. A new bill was duly returned to Flynn.

The steel pen trade at Birmingham is reported as buoyant, the average weekly production exceeding 100,000 gross, something that would give an aggregate annual product of 1,080,000 steel pens. Last year Majesty's stationery office, one year, the consumption of steel pens was about two millions, as against half a million of quill ones. In the London clubs the proportion of quill pens used is larger than that in the government office.

Visitors at the Pike's Peak observatory have for years been regaled with the statement that "this is the highest point on the globe which is inhabited the year around." It now appears that regular meteorological observations are made on the Andes, in Peru, at a height of 14,300 feet, which is about two hundred feet higher than the Pike's Peak station. In Europe there are but two stations at any considerable height, these being about 10,000 and 11,000 feet, respectively.

Clinton A. Snowden, of Tacoma, saw bees going and coming from a hollow tree. He built a fire, smoked out the bees and cut down the tree to get the honey. He found a great lot of it, but, better still, a large quantity of gold was in the hollow trunk. It had evidently been deposited there by nature, and the wise men out there think that it was "gradually washed up every year by the flow of sap, and in course of time accumulated into a solid mass." Mr. Snowden got over \$7,000 for the gold.

There is a man in Biddeford, Me., who has whittled so industriously and skillfully for eleven years as to bring himself into notice. Among the products of his jack knife are a violin case, made of 2,937 pieces of wood of 100 different kinds; a yoke of oxen and a cart, put together in a glass jar with a small neck, and a great number of really well-made animals that would sell readily as toys. But this Maine genius will not part with any of his creations for love or money, and as he does nothing but whittle he is getting together a large and interesting collection.

An English trader at Ngove, on the south-western coast of Africa, has had for some time a young female gorilla, whose docility is described as most remarkable. Jeannie, as the baby gorilla has been named, sleeps with her master, and tries to follow him wherever he goes, weeping like a child if left behind. She recently accompanied him on a journey of twenty miles or more, waiting all the while for him. She has acquired many civilized tastes and habits, and will drink tea, etc., out of a cup or glass, displaying the utmost carefulness not to break the vessel.

A cat story, in Mississippi, recently, a cat gave up its life to save the community. The river was very high, and the dyke which had been built to keep out the water gave way in one place. The water was pouring in unnoticed when the cat passed by, and, realizing the condition of affairs, crawled into the hole and stopped the flood. It is estimated that \$50,000 and a number of lives were saved by the heroic feline, and the villagers have built a beautiful tomb of red granite, with mice carved in relief, over the bones of the animal.

Unfulfilled.

"Wonderful fair!" the people cried;
"Tis a masterpiece of art!"
Yet I deem the painter sighed,
Laying in his yearning heart
These but see the face I wrought—
Not the Mother that I thought!"
—Solomon Solis-Cohen, in Lippincott.

A Gettysburg Relic.

A lad living on the Gettysburg road, near the scene of the great battle, recently found a large bomb on his father's farm, and was in the act of knocking off the plug when his father discovered him. On being properly opened it was found to contain a large quantity of explosive gun cotton. The farmer is now hunting for any more bombs which may be lying around loose on the farm where his son may find them and cause an explosion.

HUMOR OF THE DAY.

Like Old Married Folks.

Nebraska State Journal.
Bride—George, dear, when we reach town let us try to avoid leaving the impression that we are married.
"All right, Maud; you can lug this va liase."

Sarcastic.

The Epoch.
"Hallo," said Dumley. "What have you got your face all wrapped up for? Tooth-ache?"
"No," growled Sardonius, "my corns are troubling me."

Sanitary Item.

Texas Sittings.
Doctor—How would you like some animal food?
Invalid—Animal food? Well, I don't care for any hay or grass, but I guess if I could worry down a little I'd feel better.

Hadn't a Chance to Form an Opinion.
Boston Courier.
Mrs. Gadabout—What kind of neighbors are those who have moved in next door to you?
You!

Kewerious—I don't know. They haven't had a wash out on the line yet.

A Very Queer Material.
Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.
Mr. Snags—Well, I never expected they would make steamship tickets of celluloid.
Mrs. Snags—O, they are not.
Mr. Snags—Well, you book for Germany and see if they don't sell you Jack-tickets.

Reported from Narragansett Pier.
The Epoch.
Masher—Gad! What a lovely young bather. Who is she?
Big Stranger—(Indignantly)—Mrs. X.
"Any incumbences?"
"Yes, one."
"Ah! How odd!"
"Complacently"—Coming twenty-six—don't look it, do I?

The Thermometer Did It.
Texas Sittings.
Tommy (who has been playing base-ball)—Grandpa, did you ever have such awfully hot weather as this when you was a boy?

Grandpa (with emphasis)—No, child, we never did. It's them pesky thermometers that everybody has now-a-days that runs the heat right up to blithering point. When folks keep a tempting providence, they've got to suffer the consequences.

Easily Contented.

Boston Journal.
"Now," said the bridegroom to the bride, when they returned from the honeymoon trip, "let us have a clear understanding before we settle down to married life. Are you the president or vice-president of this society?"
"I want to be neither president nor vice-president," she answered; "I will be content with a subordinate position."

"What is that?"
"Treasurer."

A Chance Acquaintance.

The Judge.
Two men met in a dark alley.
First Stranger—Parlor me; it is too dark to see your face or distinguish your size, but if I mistake not you are Jack-the-ripper.
Second Stranger—I am. And, although I have never met you before, I am quite confident from what I have read that your voice is that of Tascott, of Chicago.
First Stranger—It is. Let us go down to the police station, where we can be safe from the officers of the law.

Hard to Choose.

American Commercial Traveler.
Uncle Lige recently "aperiened religion." On his way home he had to pass a field of watermelons. He had often visited the field before, and the temptation was great. He stopped, looked longingly over the fence, and said, musingly: "De nigger wat steals watermelons kaint nebbor go to hebbin, dat's sho'. Now de question am, 'Will yo' hab de millions, or will yo' go to hebbin,' an' I 'lar to goodness I dono which I'd rathar do."

A grass palace is to be the attraction in Creston, Ia. It will be 100 feet square and 120 feet high. Eighteen counties will have booths which will be decorated with the graces of their locality.